

# **News Release**

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### MSA EMPLOYEES HELP "STACK THE PACKS"

Employees of Mission Support Alliance (MSA) collected and donated school supplies for local foster children as part of the "Stace the Packs" campaign. 220 school-aged children in the foster care system will receive brand new backpacks filled with school supplies thanks to these efforts. Stack the Packs coordinators will prepare the supplies for delivery to the Washington State Department of Child and Family Services on Monday, Aug. 22.

A photo and media opportunity will be available on Monday, Aug. 22 at approximately 2:45 p.m. Please contact Reneé Brooks at 531-9633 for the location or more information.

MSA's Patti Lingle founded the Stack the Packs campaign in 2004 to assist foster children in our community. Inspired by her daughter and son-in-law, who became foster parents for a sibling group the night before school started, Patti saw an opportunity to help foster children and their foster families.

Stack the Packs has evolved over the years from Patti and her family purchasing school supplies for the first three children, to receiving help and donations from co-workers to provide supplies to as many students in care as possible. This year Stack the Packs was championed by MSA's Synergy Network and supported by hundreds of MSA employees across the Hanford Site who personally donated supplies for the 220 children.

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#### About MSA

Mission Support Alliance, a team of <u>Leidos</u>, <u>Jacobs Engineering</u> and <u>Centerra Group</u>, has responsibility for the Mission Support Contract at the Hanford Site. MSA provides a number of cross-cutting services to the DOE and other contractors at the Hanford Site to facilitate cleanup activities. MSA is responsible for areas such as site infrastructure, utilities, transportation, environmental integration, safety, emergency services and training, external affairs, information management and portfolio management. MSA: Partnering to move the mission forward. <a href="http://msa.hanford.gov/msa">http://msa.hanford.gov/msa</a>

#### About Synergy Network

MSA's Synergy Network is a company-wide effort recently launched and designed to empower and educate female employees. The Synergy Network is a forum to build connections and provide opportunities for professional and personal growth and development.

